

Minutes
West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission
Morton Community Center
222 N. Chauncey Avenue
West Lafayette, IN 47906
August 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Susan Curtis, President, who presided.

Present: Persis Newman, Arnold Sweet, Linda Martin, Susan Curtis, Peter Bunder, Chris Kulesza, Chandler Poole, Kurt Wahl, Jim Sondgeroth

Absent: Kelly Busch, Philip Keller

The minutes of the July 14, 2015 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were reviewed by all members. Commissioner Bunder moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Newman seconded. Unanimously approved.

Proposed letter to the public regarding the Historic District

The Commission discussed the revised letter ("Class-2 city"). The commission believes the friendly tone of the letter is great.

Commissioner Sweet mentioned the Lafayette Preservation Notebook from 1988. This notebook was sent to those individuals and institutions whose civic and/or commercial interest might be involved with those properties (banks, savings and loans, etc.). Commissioner Sweet believes maybe something like this should be published for the district. Chris Kulesza asked if something like this would have to be contracted out and Mr. Poole agreed it would have to be. The letter itself, contains the link to the ordinance and the map. However, creating something similar to this notebook should be considered for next year, or some other time period. Commissioner Bunder suggested getting students/volunteers to work on something like this. Commissioner Curtis suggested we look into doing something like this as a later date. The more contact the Commission has with the property owners, the more familiar they'll be with the Commission.

Commissioner Curtis stated there were a lot of people who stopped at the Commission's table during the Farmers Market. They wanted to know about the land use plan, as well as the ordinance and its future.

Commissioner Kulesza motioned to approve the letter to the New Chauncey property owners with the amendment to state "Class-2 City." Commissioner Sweet seconded it. Unanimously approved. The Commission will have staff begin working on this to send to all property owners.

Commissioner Sweet brought in a publication entitled "Architectural Styles of Greater Lafayette Neighborhoods" which includes New Chauncey in West Lafayette. Commissioner Bunder

inquired if we could get more of those. Commissioner Newman is going to look at the Trust to see if they have more. Commissioner Curtis suggested we put that information on our website, with permission from the Wabash Valley Trust. Commissioner Martin suggested that if there are a lot of those left, it can be something that can be made available to the public at special meetings and/or events.

Discussion regarding officers/elections

Elections will be held next month. Commissioner Newman inquired whether or not new people needed to be added to the Commission. Commissioner Bunder mentioned how difficult it is in his other Commission to keep the pool of potential Commissioners. Possibly talk to friends to see if they'd be interested.

Commissioner Kulesza questioned how the terms were supposed to be staggered. No president is supposed to serve more than one term. Commissioner Curtis also stated that she would be unavailable from January – end of July 2016 so she will be unable to be a member of the Commission any longer. Commissioner Martin also stated that she'll be on sabbatical from January – June 2016 and might only be available part of that time.

Mr. Wahl suggested we propose a slate of officers to be voted on at the next meeting.

President: Chris Kulesza
Vice President: Arnold Sweet
Secretary: Kelly Busch/Philip Keller

The ordinance was discussed among the Commissioners. Mr. Wahl discussed the dynamics and different committees within the Commission. Mr. Wahl suggested the Commission apply for Certified Local Government Status. A Certified Local Government Status would make the Commission eligible for grants.

Commissioner Curtis suggested the sub-committees be organized at the same time as the election.

Commissioner Martin suggested all Commissioners have a printed copy of the Resource Guide.

The Commission discussed the building at 206 West Stadium and the progress.

The next meeting is on a Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. (Note time change).

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martin Seconded. Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Linda Martin, Secretary